Inclusion of certain Categories in the SC/ ST list

875. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether recommendations received from the State Government of Gujarat for inclusion in the lists of SCs and STs of certain categories of people are pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating when the recommendations was received and the present status thereof; and

(c) the reason for not accepting specific recommendations of the State and the action Government have taken or propose to take on the recommendations of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir;

(b) The Government of Gujarat in their letter dated 15.5.98 has recommended for inclusion of three communities in the list of Scheduled Castes, details of which are as under:—

1. Nat,
2. Natada, and
3. Bajigar.

(c) The recommendations of the State Government are being considered along with similar other proposals received from various States/Union Territories.

Campaign Against Child abuse

876. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission had launched a month long campaign in the Capital against child abuse of September 10, 1998; and

(b) if so, the salient featurs of the campaign, and the success achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Information will be collected and placed on the Table of the House.

Finance assistance to DRCs

877. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend financial assistance for setting up of District Rehabilitation Centres in the Country, Especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) At present, there are 11 Districts Rehabilitation Centres in 10 States. One of them is existing at Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

Banjara Govari and Halba Koshts for Inclusion in the list of STS

878. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from Banjara Govari and Halba Koshts community in Maharashtra seeking inclusion in the notified ST communities for the purpose of reservations in services, admissions and other facilities;

(b) if so, the details of the memorandum/justification received and